2006-07. On bridge near Patna, an expenditure of Rs. 235.29 crore has been incurred up to 31.3.2006 and an outlay of Rs. 120 crore has been provided for the work during 2006-07. The physical progress of Munger bridge is abour 15% and of Patna bridge is about 40%.

Conversion of narrow gauge into broad gauge

†2393. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of narrow gauge lines that were proposed to converted in broad gauge lines during the year 2005-06, State-wise; and

(b) the number of lines converted, so far, and the estimated expenditure incurred on the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No narrow gauge line was targeted for conversion during 2005-06. However, ten projects for conversion of narrow gauge into broad gauge have been taken up.

(b) Does not arise.

Assistance to SSIs in Andhra Pradesh

2394. SHRI GIRISH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts have been made to assist SSI in Andhra Pradesh to boost their business;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) The development of small scale industries is primarily the responsibility of the respective State/Union Territory (UT) Governments/Administrations. The Central Government, however, supports and supplements the efforts of the State Governments/UT

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Administrations through various schemes/programmes relating to credit, performance and credit rating, infrastructural development, technology upgradation, marketing, entrepreneurial development, etc. These are implemented across the country, including the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The schemes/programmes for the promotion of small scale industries implemented throughout the country, including Andhra Pradesh, are listed in the Statement (See below). The Central Government has also set up the following Institutions in the State of Andhra Pradesh to undertake activities mentioned against each:—

SI.No.	Name of Institution	Location	Activities
1.	Small Industries Service Institute (SISI)	Hyderabad	The SISIs/Branch SISI provide entrepreneurship/managerial/skill development training,
2.	Branch Small Industries Service Institute (Br. SISI)	Vishakhapatnam	Consultancy, project profiles, extension services, common facilities, etc. to the small scale entrepreneurs
3.	Field Testing Station (FTS)	Hyderabad	FTS provides testing facilities for raw material and products in the areas not served by the Regional Testing Centres.
4.	Central Institute of Tool Design	Hyderabad	This Institute provides facilities for design and manufacture of tools, dies, jigs and fixtures and imparts training to young persons in uptodate tool and die making technologies.
5.	National Institute of Small Industry Extension Training (NISIET)	Hyderabad	This Institute provides entrepreneurship development training, trainers' training and consultancy services for promotion of small scale industries.

(c) Dose not arise.

Statement

Major schemes and programmes implemented for promotion and development of small scale industries in Andhra Pradesh

SI. No.	Name of the Scheme/ Programme	Objective	Details of Implementation in Andhra Pradesh
1	2	3	4
1.	Cerdit Linked Capital subsidy Scheme for Technology Upgradation	Under the Scheme, 15 per cent captial subsidy is granted on loans upto Rs. 1 crore for technology upgradation.	111 SSI units have seen benefited and subsidy amount of Rs. 2.92 crore released to them.
2.	Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) Scheme	Assistance is provided to State Governments/Implementing Agencies for setting up/upgradation of industrial estates for units, upto 40% of the cost or Rs. 2 crore, whichever is less. For the North Eastern States including Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal, this assistance is upto 80% of the cost or Rs. 4 crore, whichever is less.	5 IID centres in the Districts of Rangareddy, Krishna, Nellore, Kurnool, and Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh have been assisted. Central grant of Rs. 3.86 crore has been released to these IID centres. Two IID centres have since been completed and the rest are in various stages of implementation.
3.	Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme	This scheme provides guarantee cover upto 75% of credit (term-loan and working capital loan) extended by banks and financial institutions to new and existing SSI units on laons upto Rs. 25 lakh. The scheme is administered by the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Small Industries (CGTSI) and the member lending institutions (banks, etc.) of CGTSI.	2558 proposals have been approved for guarantee cover for aggregate credit of Rs. 43.05 crore under the Scheme.

4.	Small Industry Cluster Development Programme (SICDP)	This programme aims at holistic development of industrial clusters, i.e., agglomerations of SSI units producing the same or similar types of products in a specific geographical area. The development needs of such clusters are identified through a diagnostic study. Action plan is prepared for development of the cluster in respect of the felt needs in areas like technological upgradation, marketing and export promotion, skill development, establishment of common facility centre, etc. The scheme is implemented through the field institutions of the Ministry of SSI, in collaboration with the States/UTs and/or autonomous institutions engaged in promotion of small scale industries.	18 industrial clusters located in Andhra Pradesh have been assisted under the Scheme. So far, Rs. 2.57 crore has been released as Government of India's assistance. The interventions in three clusters have been completed and others are in various stages of implementation.
5.	ISO 9000/ISO 14001 Certification Reimbursement Scheme	Cost of obtaining ISO 9000 Certification by small scale industries is reimbursed to the extent of 75% or Rs. 75,000, whichever is lower. The objective of the scheme is to improve the marketability of the SSI products by enhancing their quality.	433 small scale units have been reimbursed a sum of Rs. 2.57 crore in the State of Andhra Pradesh since inception of the Scheme.
6.	Sub-contracting Exchanges for Ancillary Development	This scheme is to assist industry associations to strengthen their capacity for securing better marketing opportunities for the members, SSI Units. Under this scheme, one time	Two Sub-contracting Exchanges have been set up in Andhra Pradesh by industry associations with the financial assistance of Central Government.

1	2	3	4
		grant of Rs. 4.7 lakh is provided for procurement of capital equipment for setting up of sub-contracting exchanges by industry associations and non-governmental organisations. In addition, matching grant is also provided to meet the running expenses on a tapering basis not exceeding Rs. 1.25 lakh, Rs. 0.75 lakh and Rs. 2.5 lakh respectively during the first 3 years.	
7.	Performance and Credit Rating Scheme of SSIs.	The objective of the scheme of "Performance and Credit Rating Scheme of SSIs", implemented through the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) is to sensitise the SSI units to the need to obtain credit rating and encourage them to maintain good financial track record which would help them earn higher rating for their credit requirements when they approach banks for working capital and term loans. The rating is done by accredited rating agencies. One-time grant of upto 75% of the rating fee, subject to a maximum of Rs. 40,000, is given to the SSI units availing of the benefit of the scheme.	72 units have benefited and an amount of Rs. 26.06 lakh has been released to them since the launch of the scheme.